

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 46 public bills, H.R. 986–1031; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 43, and H. Res. 102–104, 106–108, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 105, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 840) to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide child care assistance to veterans receiving certain medical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs; providing for the adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 86) providing amounts for the expenses of the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis and the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 116–6).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Thompson (MS) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:12 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Arnold E. Resnicoff, United States Navy Chaplain, Retired, Washington, DC.

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Speaker Pro Tempore Designations: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hoyer, Representative Clyburn, Representative Scott (VA), Representative Cummings, Representative Matsui, Representative Sarbanes, Representative Connolly, Representative Beyer, Representative Brown (MD), Representative McEachin, and Representative Raskin to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through the remainder of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Pacific Northwest Earthquake Preparedness Act of 2019: H.R. 876, amended, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to carry out a plan for the purchase and installation of an earthquake early warning system for the Cascadia Subduction Zone;

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Fairness For Breastfeeding Mothers Act of 2019: H.R. 866, to provide a lactation room in public buildings;

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Requiring the Federal Railroad Administration to provide appropriate congressional notice of comprehensive safety assessments conducted with respect to intercity or commuter rail passenger trans-

portation: H.R. 543, to require the Federal Railroad Administration to provide appropriate congressional notice of comprehensive safety assessments conducted with respect to intercity or commuter rail passenger transportation;

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Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act of 2019: H.R. 831, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to request nominations for and make determinations regarding roads to be designated under the national scenic byways program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 404 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 66; and

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Route 66 Centennial Commission Act: H.R. 66, to establish the Route 66 Centennial Commission, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to prepare a plan on the preservation needs of Route 66, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 399 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 67.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:06 p.m. and reconvened at 1:31 p.m.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 103, electing Members to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:50 p.m. and reconvened at 4:36 p.m.

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Senate Referrals: S. 49 was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. S. 1 was held at the desk.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H1368.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1377 and H1377–78. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT HEARING: IMPACT OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES AFFECTING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing: Impact of the Administration's Policies Affecting the Affordable Care Act". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE POWER OF THE PURSE: A REVIEW OF AGENCY SPENDING RESTRICTIONS DURING A SHUTDOWN

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “The Power of the Purse: A Review of Agency Spending Restrictions During a Shutdown”. Testimony was heard from Julia Matta, Managing Associate General Counsel, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

WORLD WIDE THREAT ASSESSMENT AND INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY POSTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled “World Wide Threat Assessment and Intelligence Community Posture”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Coats, Director of National Intelligence; and Joseph D. Kernan, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence. This hearing was closed.

EVALUATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE’S COUNTERTERRORISM APPROACH

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Evaluation of the Department of Defense’s Counterterrorism Approach”. Testimony was heard from Owen West, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, Office of the Secretary of Defense; and Major General Jim Hecker, Vice Director for Operations (J3), Joint Staff.

EXAMINING THREATS TO WORKERS WITH PREEXISTING CONDITIONS

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Threats to Workers with Preexisting Conditions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TIME FOR ACTION: ADDRESSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a hearing entitled “Time for Action: Addressing the Environmental and Economic Effects of Climate Change”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TEXAS V. U.S.: THE REPUBLICAN LAWSUIT AND ITS IMPACTS ON AMERICANS WITH PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Texas v. U.S.: The Republican Lawsuit and Its Impacts on Americans with Pre-Existing Conditions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy in the Arabian Penin-

sula”; and markup on H.J. Res. 37, directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress. Testimony was heard from public witnesses. H.J. Res. 37 was ordered reported, without amendment.

PREVENTING GUN VIOLENCE: A CALL TO ACTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Preventing Gun Violence: A Call to Action”. Testimony was heard from Major Sabrina Tapp-Harper, Commander, Domestic Violence Unit, Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office, Baltimore, Maryland; Chief Art Acevedo, Chief of Police, Houston Police Department, Houston, Texas; and public witnesses.

CLIMATE CHANGE: THE IMPACTS AND THE NEED TO ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Climate Change: The Impacts and the Need to Act”. Testimony was heard from Roy Cooper, Governor, North Carolina; Charlie Baker, Governor, Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1, the “Strengthening Ethics Rules for the Ethics Branch”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VETERANS’ ACCESS TO CHILD CARE ACT; PROVIDING AMOUNTS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE MODERNIZATION OF CONGRESS

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 840, the “Veterans’ Access to Child Care Act”; and H. Res. 86, providing amounts for the expenses of the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis and the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 840, the Veterans’ Access to Child Care Act, and H. Res. 86, Providing amounts for the expenses of the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis and the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. Section 1 of the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 840 under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–3 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a

substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 2 of the rule provides that H. Res. 86, Providing amounts for the expenses of the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis and the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, is hereby adopted. Section 3 of the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of February 15, 2019, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV, and that the Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. Testimony was heard from Chairman Takano, and Representatives David P. Roe of Tennessee and Brownley of California.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 116th Congress.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 116th Congress; and approved Subcommittee Chairs and Ranking Members.

THE SHUTDOWN: ECONOMIC IMPACT TO SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Shutdown: Economic Impact to Small Businesses". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPROVING RETIREMENT SECURITY FOR AMERICA'S WORKERS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Improving Retirement Security for America's Workers". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; BUSINESS MEETING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held an organizational meeting; and business meeting on the Transmission of Certain Committee Transcripts. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 116th Congress, without amendment. A Motion to Transmit Certain Committee Transcripts to the Department of Justice was adopted, without amend-

ment; and a Motion to Subpoena Certain Witnesses was not adopted. This meeting was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Africa Command and United States Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10:15 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the status and outlook of energy innovation in the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress, 2 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 116th Congress, and the nominations of William Pelham Barr, of Virginia, to be Attorney General, and Donald W. Washington, of Texas, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, both of the Department of Justice, Bridget S. Bade, of Arizona, and Eric D. Miller, of Washington, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Paul B. Matey, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Eric E. Murphy, of Ohio, and Chad A. Readler, of Ohio, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Allison Jones Rushing, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Rossie David Alston, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Roy Kalman Altman, Rodolfo Armando Ruiz II, and Rodney Smith, each to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Raul M. Arias-Marxuach, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Thomas P. Barber, and Wendy Williams Berger, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, J. Campbell Barker, and Michael J. Truncale, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Pamela A. Barker, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Kenneth D. Bell, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Jean-Paul Boulee, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Holly A. Brady, and Damon Ray Leichty, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, Andrew Lynn Brasher, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, Brian C. Buescher, to be United